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### Remarks

Claims 1- 7, 12, 15, 18-19, 22-25, 27, 29-31, 33, 34, 36, 38, 40, and 42-50 are pending. Claims 1-6 and 31 were withdrawn. Claims 8-11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 26, 28, 32, 35, 37, 39 and 41 are canceled.

Claims 14, 17-19, 22-25, 28, 29, 33, 34, 36, 38, 43 and 50 were previously noted as allowable, and claims 40, 42 and 45-49 were allowed. For the reasons set forth below, all claims are believed patentable. Reexamination and reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks in this paper is requested.

### 35 U.S.C. 102(b) Rejection

Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Catylators Limited. Claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 17 which was noted as allowable. Claim 15 has been further amended to remove the term "solid" so as not to be limited thereto. Claim 15 is believed patentable for the same reasons claim 17 was noted as allowable. Claims 18-19, and 22-25, and 44 which were noted as allowable, and all of which now depend from claim 15, are believed to remain patentable.

### 35 U.S.C. 103(a) Rejections

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over German 2904842 in view of CL. The limitations of claim 14, noted as allowable, have been added to claim 7. Claim 7 has been further amended to remove the term "solid" so as not to be limited thereto. Claim 7 is believed patentable for the same reasons claim 14 was previously noted as allowable. Claims 12 and 36, depending from claim 7, are likewise believed patentable.

Claim 27 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 28, previously noted as allowable. Claim 30, depending from claim 27, is likewise believed patentable.

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New Claims 51 to 53, depending from claims which are believed patentable,  
are likewise believe patentable.

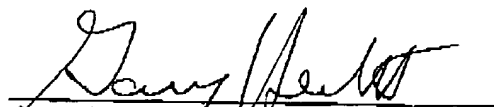
Conclusion

All claims are now believed allowable. Allowance of claims 7, 12, 15, 18-19,  
22-25, 27, 29, 30, 33, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42-50, and 51-53 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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